

REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION

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March 30, 2004

FROM: MARY R. SAWICKI, DIRECTOR
Department of Aging & Adult Services

SUBJECT: GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL POLICY AND RESOURCE
CENTER ON NUTRITION AND AGING.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve submission of grant application by the Department of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) to the National Policy and Resource Center on Nutrition and Aging in the amount of \$9,000 for the period of June 1, 2004 through February 28, 2005.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On March 22, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed into law the Nutrition Program for the Elderly Act, establishing the Senior Nutrition Program, as part of the Older Americans Act (OAA) of 1965. This legislation created the congregate and home-delivered nutrition programs for seniors. Since 1978 the Department of Aging and Adult Services has administered OAA Title III funds to provide Senior Nutrition Programs for the County of San Bernardino. In addition to providing nourishing meals, the Senior Nutrition Program provides nutrition assessment, education, and counseling to individuals 60 years of older and their spouses.

DAAS received the Request for Applications from the National Policy and Resource Center on Nutrition and Aging on March 3, 2004, and the deadline to submit grant applications is April 2, 2004.

Approval of this application will allow DAAS to apply for the grant offered by the National Policy and Resource Center on Nutrition and Aging in the amount of \$ 9,000. These funds will allow DAAS to provide a nutrition education program to seniors, that includes a physical activity component. The program will target African American and Hispanic seniors living in low-income areas of the County. Approximately 50 seniors will be served at a cost of \$9,000 during FY04/05.

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REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This agenda item has been reviewed by the Office of County Counsel (Phebe W. Chu, Deputy County Counsel, 387-4725) on March 16, 2004, HSS Finance (Kristin Letterman, Administrative Manager) on March 17, 2004, and by the County Administrative Office (Gary Morris, Administrative Analyst) on March 18, 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Approval of this grant application will result in no additional cost to the County. If the application is approved, the resulting revenue of \$9,000 will be fully funded by the National Policy and Resource Center on Nutrition and Aging (with support from the US Administration on Aging). If awarded, DASS will include adequate appropriations and revenues in the proposed FY04/05 budget.

Cost Reduction Review: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends this action based on the fact that any contract(s) awarded as a result of this grant application will be fully funded by Federal revenue sources that are not in jeopardy in FY04/05, and the in-kind match will not result in any local costs.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): ALL

PRESENTER: Mary R. Sawicki, Director, Department of Aging and Adult Services, 891-3918